

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INSURANCE COVER TO RURAL POORS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Union Government have prepared certain schemes to provide insurance cover to the rural poor;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (c) the number of people likely to be benefited from these schemes; and
- (d) the role envisaged for the State Governments in implementation of this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) & (b): The Government has introduced Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHS) for BPL families which provides hospitalization expenses upto Rs. 30,000/- on a floater basis for a premium of Rs. 365/- for individual, Rs. 548/- for a family of 5 persons and Rs. 730/- for a family of 7 persons with a subsidy of Rs. 200/-, Rs. 300/-and Rs. 400/-respectively.
- (c): As on 30.06.2005, under UHS 33994 families comprising 1,19,299 persons have been covered.
- (d): The States have to play an active role in identifying the beneficiaries, spreading . the awareness about the scheme and facilitating the process of availment of benefits.